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SUBJ: U.P. MEDICAL CENTER

REF: STATE 250015

1. GOP ANNOUNCED LAST FALL PLANS TO CONSTRUCT 1500 BED HOSPITAL ON UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES CAMPUS IN QUEZON CITY. HOSPITAL WILL BE USED FOR TEACHING, TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE TO LOWER ECONOMIC CLASSES IN THE GREATER MANILA AREA AND AS NATIONAL REFERRAL CENTER FOR REGIONAL HOSPITALS. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOSPITAL WILL BE CORE OF PHILIPPINE HEALTH SCIENCES COMPLEX WHICH WILL INCLUDE COLLEGES OF MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, NURSING AND PHARMACY, THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SCHOOLS OF ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONS AND NURSING, THE PHILIPPINE EYE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND THE U.P. HEALTH SERVICE.

2. ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING AND DESIGN ARE UNDER SUPERVISION GEORGE RAMOS. RAMOS IS ALSO ARCHITECT FOR HEART CENTER FOR ASIA CURRENTLY BEING CONSTRUCTED IN QUEZON CITY.

3. COST OF HOSPITAL, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, ESTIMATED AT \$35-38 MILLION. WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY IS INTERESTED IN FINANCING PROJECT, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT FIRM COMMITMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. TURNKEY GROUP HAS

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NOT BEEN SELECTED.

4. IN ADDITION 1500 BED U.P. HOSPITAL, GOP IS INVESTIGATING  
POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING 10-11 SMALLER REGIONAL HOSPITALS  
AT A TOTAL COST OF \$35-40 MILLION. REGIONAL HOSPITALS  
PRESUMABLY WOULD BE STANDARDIZED IN DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT.

5. OFFICIALS MOST CONCERNED WITH HOSPITAL PROJECT ARE  
OUT OF TOWN UNTIL LATE NEXT WEEK. WE WILL CONTACT THEM AT  
EARLIESTT POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY AND REPORT FURTHER ON STATUS  
OF PROJECT.  
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